

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

November 8, 2005

Dear Blue Dog Democrat Colleagues:

This year we have enjoyed the support of House Democrats on several votes of critical importance to the American people. Nearly half of your Democrat colleagues joined Republicans on important reform bills dealing with housing finance, lawsuit abuse, and the Endangered Species Act.

Now we are asking you to once again join us in an effort to reign in federal spending and keep America on a course to fiscal discipline. As Blue Dog Democrats, you have claimed to support fiscal discipline by posting signs outside of your offices that draw attention to the budget deficit. Today you have an opportunity to do more than just speak out on this issue. By joining us to vote for the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005 you can take a stand for responsible budgeting.

We urge you as members of Congress who share our belief that we can and should reduce spending to put principles above party. We know you will face a tremendous amount of pressure from your party leaders to vote no simply because this is a Republican led effort, but we hope that will not sway your better judgment.

We ask you to please join us in a critical effort to reform the federal government, reign in spending, and reduce the deficit.

Sincerely,



Eric Cantor  
Member of Congress



Spencer Bachus  
Member of Congress



Marsha Blackburn  
Member of Congress



Tom Feeney  
Member of Congress



Joe Wilson  
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